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In re Application of:)
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2008, in the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified application.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 attached hereto on separate sheets is: a) an amendment to the claims; and b) a remark section.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted via the Electronic Filing System (“EFS”) to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on **December 30, 2008**.

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